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*Response***Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the title with the following amended title: Method and Apparatus for Making an Animal Feed Gel Using a Cooled Pipe.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 14 of page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

Extruded products and their methods of manufacture are known in the art, e.g., USP 5,948,459, 5,939,124, 5,665,419 and 4,886,440, all of which are incorporated herein by reference. Exemplary extruded products include a wide array of items, both food and nonfood. Significantly, extrusion methods of manufacture are useful in providing large quantities or numbers of product in a cost effective and automated manner. Extrusion devices for making such products are also known in the art, e.g., USP 4,643,660, 4,560,334, 3,643,252 3,743,252 and 3,674,407 (all of which are incorporated herein by reference).

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 21 of page 4 and extending through line 1 of page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

The animal feed gel of this invention is a replacement for a natural food product. For example, the "artificial fish" of this invention is a replacement for the fresh or frozen fish currently used in feeding programs for various fish-eating animals, e.g. penguins and other seabirds, seals, walruses, otters, bears and the like. The gel products of this invention are prepared from water, at least one gelling agent, and at least one source of animal protein. Optionally and preferably, the animal food gels also contain other nutritionally valuable ingredients such as oils and/or fats, plant protein, vitamins, minerals, and the like. The formulations for the animal feed gels described in WO 98/47392, Luxembourg Patent No. 87750, and U.S.S.N. 09/262,905 filed on March 5, 1999 USP 6,171,632 are illustrative.

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